



MEETING FOR OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Jean F. Claude, Steve Walljasper, Henri Dubarry, Gerard Vidal, Anthony Arbeeny, Vincent Raith, Rodrigo Campos, Michel Carrer, Pascal Guillotin, Louise Hoffman, Pascal Petiteau, Kate Wayler, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Jean-Michel Bournot

Excused:

Gérard Drouet
Steven Vangelder
Laurent Morisse
Bernard Malet-Dupont
Dominique Payraudeau
Susan Lifrieri-Lowry
Alain Quirin
Yves Busnel
André Moisan
Thomas Santamaria
Arno Schmidt

President Pascal opened the meeting at **3:12 pm** and welcomed everyone to the December 1st Officers' Meeting.

- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Notices:**
 - André Mignier, Société Culinaire Philanthropique member since January 1964 (58 years, 9 months) passed away on October 9th at the age of 92. Mr. Mignier was born December 22, 1929 in Marcoussis, France. He is survived by his wife Simone. He was a long-time resident of Delhi, NY.
 - Alain Guenanen passed away on October 3rd at the age of 72. He was born January 19, 1950 in Chinon, France. He became a member of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique in October of 1984 (38 years, 2 months). Mr. Guenanen moved back to France last year after residing in Florida for many years.

- **Death Notices continued:**
 - Alain Sillhac, Société Culinaire Philanthropique member since January 1966 (56 years, 11 months) passed away on December 1, 2022 at the age of 86. Mr. Sillhac was born in Millau, France. He is survived by his wife Arlene.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic was unable to report.
- **Induction of New Member:** Rodrigo Antonio Campos Gonzalez was inducted into the Société Culinaire. He is 25 years old, and a native of El Salvador. André Soltner and Jacques Coustar are his sponsors. Rodrigo is currently the Sous Chef at Gabriel Kreuther located on W. 42nd Street. He has done stints in France and has worked at Michelin starred restaurants in NYC, food is his passion. Rodrigo lives on the upper east side. Photos were taken with President Pascal, Henri Dubarry, Jacques Coustar and Jean F. Claude. Welcome to the SCP Rodrigo!
- **Dinner Dance:** The consensus of the trustees and officers is to proceed with the formal Dinner Dance in April. Alain Quirin has been in contact with the Yale Club, but the Yale Club does not want to discuss anything until after December. President Pascal spoke and said since the Yale Club was the first choice in 2020, Alain is looking at reserving it again. There's also the Colony Club as a possibility. The trustees have agreed to bring down the prices, to make it more affordable. By bringing down the cost we want to have better attendance, we're aiming for 200 people.
- **Picnic:** The 2023 Picnic is planned to take place on schedule Sunday, September 10th. Steve Walljasper is scheduling the first picnic meeting for Thursday, February 2nd. Steve asked for volunteers. President Pascal said new members and new ideas are needed to carry on the important work of the picnic. The older crew cannot do it any longer. Jean Claude spoke and said the picnic is a great tradition, we need to retool regroup and restaff. Jean Claude said we need that Saturday crew in order to make Sunday's picnic happen. A second picnic meeting will be planned for February at a date to be determined and it will be a wine tasting.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman reported that there is an article from President Pascal and an article from Arno Schmidt for the next newsletter. They are always looking for articles and recipes, Louise said send the articles to her and the office. Planning an end of January newsletter.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour has nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Francis Richard reported there will be a meeting and luncheon in the Spring.
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Nothing to report.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported there was not much to say.

- **Membership Dues:** The 2023 membership dues are **\$200** and were mailed to active members on November 1st and were also emailed to active members November 8th. The dues are payable by December 31, 2022. Fifty-six members have paid their dues so far.
- **Office:**
 - Prepping for the 990-tax return filing with Spence.
 - Working on the 1099-R data file.
 - Christmas cards are addressed and will be mailed the first week of December.
 - The 2022 – 2023 Yearbook is being updated; the last entry will be the June 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes.
- **Condominium:** The repair work to the ceiling in the main office was begun on Saturday, November 19th. The painting is still to be done.
- **Report by Archivist:** President Pascal spoke and said it would be nice to repair the original book of members' signatures. He doesn't know if it's feasible or what it would cost, but it dates back to 1865 and needs repair.
- **Miscellaneous:** Thank you card received from Maurice and Caroline Bonté for the donation made in memory of Suzanne. They greatly appreciated all the kindness and support bestowed upon them at this difficult time in their lives.

President Pascal spoke about the Charity Gala he and Henri Dubarry attended on Friday, November 18th hosted by Entraide Française of NY. Dr. Sylvie Epelbaum greeted them when they arrived. There were about 100 people in attendance. An auction was held with many nice prizes. Dinner was very good.

President Pascal also spoke about his time spent in France the beginning of November as President of the Jury for the Trophée Passion, which is related to the Jean-Jacques Dietrich Competition. Pascal said young cooks up to 35 years of age competed. There were seven teams from seven countries. The young lady representing the U.S. came in fourth. France won the competition. Pascal said what they could accomplish in three and a half hours was incredible.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Officers' Meeting** will be held **January 5, 2023**

Meeting was adjourned at **4:10 pm**